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LOWELL DELEGATION SEEKS TO LINK SIEM REAP & PURSAT, CAMBODIA AND LOWELL, MASSACHUSETTS IN SISTER CITY EFFORTS.

Lowell's Cambodian Community has played an increasingly important role in the city's cultural, economic and political life. Containing the second largest Cambodian population in the United States, Lowell has many Cambodian businesses and a number of prominent Cambodian community organizations and religious centers. Moreover, Cambodians have greatly enriched the city's cultural character through such programs as the Southeast Asian Water Festival and such artistic performance groups as the Angkor Dance Troupe.

To strengthen Lowell's Cambodian community and to forge closer bonds between Cambodia and Lowell, a group of citizens, community activists, educators, city and federal officials are proposing to create a Sister City Program between Lowell and Cambodia. The delegation will make the crucial links with Cambodian politicians, cultural and educational organizations, as well as the Royal family, to launch the Sister City Program. The trip will take place beginning June 24, 2001, and the group will return to Lowell July 2, 2001.

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